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### p1103: Factoring with box when $a = \text{prime}$ (v6)

#### Example

Use the box to factor  $2x^2 - 9x - 18$ .

Guess and check, based on factor pairs of  $-18$ , until you find the pair that results in a linear coefficient of  $-9$  after combining like terms.

*	x	-6
2x	$2x^2$	$-12x$
3	$3x$	-18

$2x^2 - 12x + 3x - 18$

Combine like terms.

$2x^2 - 9x - 18$

ANSWER:  $(2x + 3)(x - 6)$

#### Question 1

Use the box to factor  $3x^2 + 17x + 20$ .

*	x	
3x	$3x^2$	
		20

ANSWER:

**Question 2**

Use the box to factor  $5x^2 + 12x - 9$ .

*	x	
5x	$5x^2$	
		-9

ANSWER:

**Question 3**

Use the box to factor  $7x^2 - 52x + 21$ .

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ANSWER: